



Flo Ware Park

Pro Parks Levy: 2004 Annual Report

Prepared by the Citizens Oversight Committee of the
2000 Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails, and Zoo Levy

“The Oversight Committee will make annual reports to the Mayor and City Council and will prepare a mid-point report to the citizens of Seattle.”

-- City of Seattle Ordinance 120024, Section 5

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The Pro Parks Levy provided tangible benefits in nearly every Seattle neighborhood in 2004.	
<p>Property Acquisitions in 2004 included land for a new neighborhood park in the Uptown area of Queen Anne, a key half-acre site along Thornton Creek in Northeast Seattle, a conservation easement on 1.73 acres in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area in West Seattle, and a property donation in Wolf Creek Ravine.</p>	 <p><i>New park site in Uptown</i></p>  <p><i>Me-Kwa-Mooks Green Space</i></p>
<p>Development Projects completed in 2004 included the new Ernst Park in Fremont, Nantes Park in West Seattle, and 6th Ave NW Pocket Park. The Alki Beach and Golden Gardens Bathhouses were renovated, and Kubota Garden received major improvements. Trail projects along Cheasty Boulevard and Longfellow Creek were also completed.</p>	 <p><i>A.B. Ernst Park</i></p>  <p><i>Kubota Garden</i></p>  <p><i>Trail at Cheasty Boulevard.</i></p>
<p>The Levy's Environmental Stewardship, Maintenance and Programming reached thousands of youth, families and seniors through enhanced park and facility maintenance, teen programs, recreational programs, environmental education, zoo programs and improvements, landscaping and urban forest restoration.</p>	 <p><i>Zoo's Butterflies and Blooms Exhibit</i></p>  <p><i>Teen program based at Golden Gardens</i></p>
<p>Through the Opportunity Fund, land was acquired for a new park in Pinehurst. Renovation and new artwork were completed at Flo Ware Park in the Central Area. Licton Springs Park received habitat restoration and improved ADA access, and the Opportunity Fund contributed to the new International District Community Center gym.</p>	 <p><i>Flo Ware Park</i></p>  <p><i>International District/Chinatown Community Center</i></p>

Introduction

This report marks the completion of the first four years of the 8-year 2000 Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails and Zoo Levy, also referred to as the Pro Parks Levy. At this mid-point of the levy, acquisition and development projects are on budget and schedule, citizens are benefiting from programs and projects in nearly every neighborhood in the city, and levy spending and income are close to the original plan developed in 2000.

During this fourth year of the levy, significant progress was made in implementing acquisition and development projects. In 2004, three acres were preserved through purchase, donation and a conservation easement. Eighteen park and trail development projects were completed, and 43 were in planning, design or construction. Sustainable design continues to be a focus for these projects.

More than ten thousand young people were served through the levy's educational programs at the zoo, and through Parks and Recreation teen programs. The Environmental Stewardship unit emphasized best environmental practices in Parks field operations, including a model paper waste reduction program.

In the first cycle of the Opportunity Fund, 19 projects were selected for funding in 2002, and 11 were complete through 2004. The Pro Parks Levy Oversight Committee began the public process for the second cycle of the levy's Opportunity Fund. In November 2004, citizens submitted nominations for 60 park acquisition and development projects to be considered for funding. The Committee's work on the selection process will continue into 2005.

These and other accomplishments of the levy are described in the following report. Challenges faced during the year are also summarized.

The levy ordinance requires the Committee to prepare a mid-point report to the citizens of Seattle, and a summary of the information included in this report will be published in 2005.

For more information about individual levy projects and programs, and to see an interactive map of levy projects, visit the web at www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/

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Summary: Income and Expenditures for Full Levy Program

The Pro Parks Levy was approved by Seattle voters in 2000. The following table summarizes net Parks Levy Fund income and expenses through 2004. The table on page 6 summarizes additional funding sources received through 2004 for levy projects and programs.

Income by Source

Dollars in Thousands

Source	2004 Amounts	2004 Planned Amounts ^a	Percent of 2004 Planned	Life-to Date		
				Total Actual Income 2001-2004	Planned Income 2001-2004	Percent of 2001-2004 Planned
Tax Receipts	25,060	24,318	103%	95,346	91,482	104%
Interest Earnings	636	607	105%	2,579	2,184	118%
Unrealized Gains/Losses ^b	<266>	0	NA	<272>	0	
TOTAL	25,430	24,925	102%	97,653	93,666	104%

^a Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

^b Unrealized gains and losses is an accounting mechanism to reflect the Parks Levy portion of the City's overall investments.

Expenditures by Use

Use (Levy Category)	2004 Amounts	2004 Planned Amounts ^a	Percent of 2004 Planned	Life-To-Date		
				Total Actual Expenditures 2001-2004	Planned Expenditures 2001-2004	Percent of Planned
Acquisition	2,946	4,420	67%	14,100	14,528	97%
Development	17,357	13,056	133%	32,816	37,794	87%
Programming	7,540	7,492	101%	24,717	25,738	96%
Opportunity Fund	941	1,500	63%	3,221	3,000	107%
Subtotal	28,784	26,468	109%	74,854	81,060	92%
Contribution to Parks Levy Fund Balance	<3,354> ^b	<1,543> ^b	217%	22,799	12,606	181%
TOTAL	25,430	24,925	102%	97,653	93,666	104%

^a Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

^b The plan anticipated that income would exceed expenditures in the first two years of the Levy and that spending would exceed income in subsequent years. Consistent with the plan, 2004 spending exceeded income.

Income. Tax receipts and interest for 2004 exceeded the anticipated revenues set forth in the levy's initial financial plan.

Tax receipts from the levy are higher than originally planned due to a change in the timing of levy collection amounts. The original financial plan levied less than the maximum amount authorized by the levy ordinance (e.g. maximum authorized was \$23.0 million in 2001). The revised levy schedule provided for the full \$23.0 million in 2001, with 3.1% annual increase thereafter, with a reduced amount in 2008 to keep the total under the \$198.2 million lid for the total levy.

The Levy Fund is managed as part of the City of Seattle's investment portfolio, which earned 2.326 % in 2004, compared with the planned rate of 5.3%. The interest earned in 2004 exceeded the original plan by \$29,000 (\$607,000 plan vs. \$636,000 actual). Interest earnings are higher than originally anticipated due to higher fund balances from the acceleration in levy income and to slower than anticipated spending on several large park projects. Unrealized gains and losses is an accounting mechanism to reflect the Parks Levy portion of the City's overall investments.

Expenditures: The \$28.8 million expended in levy funds from the acquisition, development, operations and opportunity fund categories during 2004 totaled 109% of originally anticipated expenditures for this fourth year of the levy. As shown in the table, this rate was not equally distributed across all levy categories but rather represents a program-wide average, and is primarily due to significant progress in 2004 on trail and major park development projects that had experienced delays earlier in the levy. The overall life-to-date spending is 92% of the planned expenditure to date.

The life-to-date "Contribution to Parks Levy Fund Balance" is \$22.8 million vs. \$12.6 million planned. This means that overall the fund has earned more than was spent, accumulating the balance within the Levy Fund. The original financial plan provided for lower spending than income in the first two years of the levy, with spending exceeding income thereafter. In 2004, spending exceeded income by \$3.4 million as shown in the table.

Leveraging of Other Funds: Based on prior levy and bond measures, the City anticipated that the levy program would be enhanced by leveraging other fund resources. The structure of the levy anticipated using levy funds to serve as match for other fund sources, and many of the projects funded through the levy had community support that enhanced the opportunities for additional project contributions. The table below summarizes the funds leveraged from other, non Pro Parks Levy Fund sources. Figures shown are for the year the leveraging was received; additional grants have been approved, but funding has not yet been received. Through 2004, more than \$14 million has been received in supplemental funding, and \$6 million in in-kind contributions.

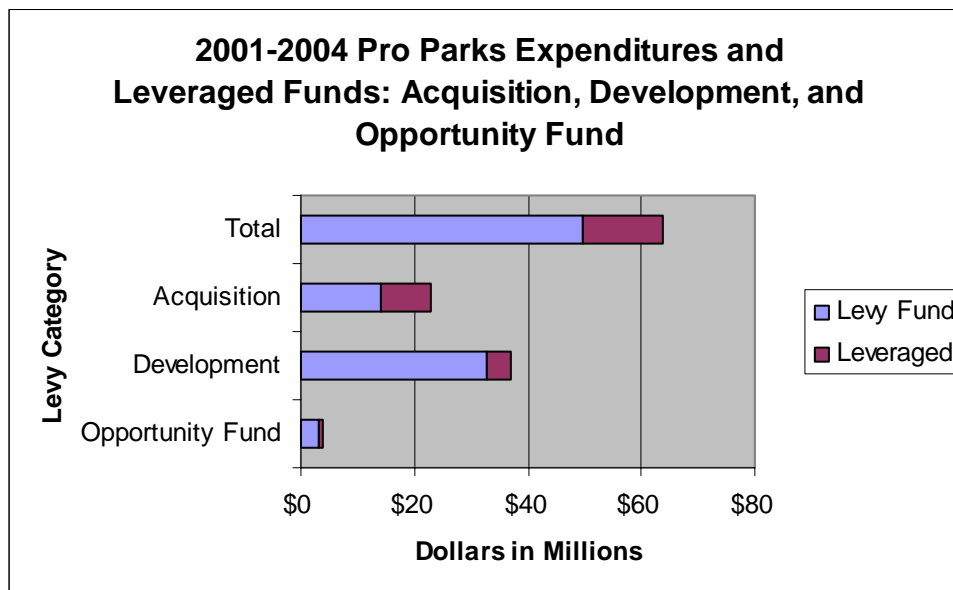
Through this leveraging, the levy's impacts are significantly increased. For example, in 2004 private and corporate contributions made it possible to enhance levy projects at Flo Ware Park and Homer Harris Park in the Central Area, and at Cascade Playground in the South Lake Union neighborhood. County contributions made it possible to preserve additional property along Thornton Creek, and the Alki Community Improvement Fund helped preserve property in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area.

Leveraged Sources for Acquisition and Development Projects	2004 Actuals	Life-to-Date Actuals 2001-2004
<u>Other City Expenditures:</u> funding directly from other City departments (i.e. Seattle Public Utilities) or other Seattle Parks funds (i.e. Cumulative Reserve Fund)	1,433,707	6,186,614
<u>Reimbursements:</u> Grants that reimburse the Department for Pro Parks expenditures (i.e. Conservation Futures Levy)	524,159	8,169,853
SUBTOTAL - Leveraged funding	1,957,866	14,356,467
<u>Other Project Contributions:</u> volunteer labor, professional services, materials/supplies ^a	5,587,224 ^b	6,207,608
TOTAL - Including in-kind plus funding	7,545,090	20,564,075

^a The annual report treats this type of contribution differently from other leveraged sources as it reflects community contributions directly towards projects rather than through the City.

^b Includes \$5.4 million of construction services at Chief Sealth Trail by RCI Herzog, contractor for the light rail project in Southeast Seattle. Herzog's contributions include importing and contouring soil for fill that is needed for the trail.

A list of major donors and partners for Levy projects in 2004 is included on page 22 of this report.



Expenditures to date:

Acquisition: Levy Fund \$14.1 million, Leveraged \$9.1 million, Total \$23.2 million

Development: Levy Fund \$32.8 million, Leveraged \$4 million, Total \$36.8 million

Opportunity Fund: Levy Fund \$3.2 million, Leveraged \$1.2 million, Total \$4.4 million.

Levy Activities by Category: The following pages provide a 2004 update for each of the levy's four categories:

- Acquisition
- Development
- Environmental Stewardship, Maintenance, and Programming
- Acquisition and Development Opportunity Fund

Each category (with the exception of the Opportunity Fund) is divided into subcategories. The following reports present the activity within each category and additional information is reported at the subcategory level. In addition to reporting on levy spending and leveraged funding, each section also provides 2004 activities and program highlights.

Levy Category: Acquisition

2004 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2004	Planned Expenditures 2004 ^a	Percent of 2004 Planned	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2001-2004	Planned Expenditures 2001-2004	Percent of 2001-2004 Planned
Neighborhood Parks Acquisition						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	2,853	2,720	105%	18,076	9,128	198%
Other City	0			1,940		
Total Expenses	2,853			20,016		
Reimbursements	0			6,332 ^b		
Total Leveraged Funds	0			8,272		
Net Pro Parks Expenses	2,853	2,720	105%	11,744	9,128	129%
Green Spaces Acquisition						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	93	1,700	5%	3,026	5,400	56%
Other City	155			161		
Total Expenses	248			3,187		
Reimbursements	0			670		
Total Leveraged Funds	155			831		
Net Pro Parks Expenses	93	1,700	5%	2,356	5,400	44%
TOTAL: Net Pro Parks	2,946	4,420	67%	14,100	14,528	97%
TOTAL: Leveraged Funds Spent ^c	155	n.a.		9,103	n.a.	
GRAND TOTAL ^c	3,101	4,420	70%	23,203	14,528	160%

^a Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

^b 2003 reimbursements in the neighborhood parks subcategory include \$971,821 from a real estate transaction that was part of the Smith Cove acquisition. While this is accurately shown as a reimbursement of Levy expenditures, it differs from other leveraging in that it was an expense and reimbursement for two houses temporarily owned by the City, but not added to the Parks inventory, and resold.

^c The Levy Financial Plan does not include planned spending of any funding leveraged by the Levy. However, we have included this information on actual spending (including leveraged funds) towards the completion of the acquisition program for neighborhood parks and green spaces compared to the financial plan to demonstrate how critical the Levy funding has been in securing additional funds to complete and enhance the overall levy program.

Acquisition Program Levy Spending to Date

Neighborhood Parks: The Total Expenditures 2001-2004 figures in the above table reflect accelerated expenditures in this subcategory due to the availability of properties, enabling the successful acquisition of named neighborhood park acquisition sites. In addition, grants have been approved but not yet received to reimburse expenditures. Of the 18 neighborhood parks acquisition projects identified in the levy, nine have been acquired through 2004, and two projects that included multiple properties that have been substantially completed.

Green Spaces: The expenditures in the green spaces subcategory are lower than planned both in 2004 and life to date. The initial focus for the acquisition program was in the neighborhood parks subcategory, where timely purchase was critical for several sites. However, in 2002 a green spaces strategic plan was developed and approved by the Oversight Committee that prioritized 13 of the city's green spaces for acquisition. To date, more than 12 acres have been preserved in this subcategory.

Acquisition Program Leverage of Supplemental Funding

Through the first four years of the levy, the Acquisition Program has spent \$23.2 million in pursuit of Neighborhood Park and Green Spaces acquisition. Total spending of Park Levy funds is \$14.1 million, representing 54% of the \$26 million total amount allocated to the acquisition category in the eight year program. The remaining \$9.1 million is from other non-levy sources. Consistent with the Department's operating policies, funds leveraged through acquisition activities are included in the annual report for the year that the funding is received.

Neighborhood Parks: As shown in the above table, \$8,272,000 has been leveraged to date in the Neighborhood Parks subcategory.

Green Spaces: In 2004, funding was received from the Alki Community Improvement Fund for land preservation in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area. To date, \$831,000 has been leveraged in the Green Spaces subcategory. In addition, two properties have been donated, including a donation of .13 acre in Wolf Creek Ravine in 2004.

2004 Acquisition Program Activities

Partnerships: Partnerships continue to be a critical element in levy acquisitions. In 2004 Cascade Land Conservancy was instrumental in the preservation of 1.73 acres in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area. King County Conservation Futures funding was approved for land acquired in 2004 for a new park on Queen Anne and for a key property along Thornton Creek.

Grant Applications: In keeping with voter expectations, Parks continues to seek grants to leverage levy acquisition dollars. In 2004, \$1,500,000 was approved in King County Conservation Futures funding for acquisition projects in the Neighborhood Parks subcategory.

Planning and Public Involvement: Partnerships in the community are critical to identifying priority properties, potential uses of acquired sites, and additional resources. For example, in 2004 initial meetings were held to draft a park plan for First Hill, which will help to identify potential acquisition sites in this densely developed neighborhood. The 2004 acquisition of property in the Uptown community was the culmination of a series of public tours and meetings that identified the community's top priority site for purchase.

2004 Acquisition Program Accomplishments and Project Highlights

In 2004, the Department's Pro Parks property acquisitions included the following. (Note: See the Opportunity Fund category for additional acquisitions.)



Queen Anne Park: In June, the community celebrated the purchase of property at Queen Anne Ave. N. and Roy St. for a new 12,000 square foot park in the Uptown neighborhood.



Me-Kwa-Mooks: In June, the Alki community celebrated the preservation of property in the Me-kwa-Mooks Natural Area. The community targeted Alki Community Improvement funds toward open space preservation in this area.

North Open Space: A key .53-acre property was purchased in the Thornton Creek watershed that is surrounded on three sides by Thornton Creek Park #2.

Wolf Creek Ravine: A .13-acre property in the Wolf Creek Ravine on Queen Anne Hill was donated by the owner for permanent preservation as green space.

Acquisition Progress to Date through 2004:

Neighborhood Parks: Of the 18 projects in this subcategory, 9 have been acquired, totaling 17.9 acres through 2004: Alki Substation, Central Area Park (Homer Harris Park), Green Lake Open Space, Lake City Civic Core, Northgate Park, Queen Anne Park, Smith Cove, Whittier Substation and York Substation. Two projects include multiple sites (North Open Space/Thornton Creek, and Delridge Open Space) and have been substantially completed.

Green Spaces: More than 14 acres have been preserved in Seattle's green spaces, including property in a wildlife corridor in the West Duwamish Greenbelt, a spectacular viewpoint in the Leschi Natural Area, property in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area, and properties in the Duwamish Head Greenbelt and Wolf Creek Ravine that were donated by owner.

Levy Category: Development

The Development category provides funds toward 95 projects that will improve parks and park facilities, create new parks on undeveloped sites, restore wetlands, enhance buildings and improve ballfields and trails. During the first four years of Levy implementation, 79 of the 95 named projects were started and 36 completed.

2004 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2004	Planned Expenditures 2004 ^a	Percent of 2004 Planned	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2001-2004	Planned Expenditures 2001-2004	Percent of 2001-2004 Planned
Neighborhood Park Development	10,736	7,148	150%	21,009	19,704	107%
Major Neighborhood Park Development	4,141	3,234	128%	6,120	9,101	67%
Playfields and Facilities	802	2,404	33%	3,639	5,837	62%
Trails and Boulevards	2,070	270	767%	2,648	3,150	84%
Subtotal, Parks Levy Funds	17,749	13,056	136%	33,416	37,792	88%
Other City Expenditures	1,200			3,434		
Total Expenses	18,949			36,850		
Reimbursements	392			600		
Subtotal, Leveraged Funds	1,592			4,034		
Net Pro Parks Expenses	17,357	13,056	133%	32,816	37,792	87%
GRAND TOTAL	18,949	13,056	145%	36,850	37,792	98%

^a Planned amounts refers to the Levy Program's initial financial developed in July, 2000.

Development Program Levy Spending to Date

Spending to date is close to plan overall for the Development category, and for the Neighborhood Park and Trails subcategories. Significant work in the Neighborhood Parks subcategory resulted in the completion of fifteen projects in 2004. The Trails subcategory included the completion of trail projects along Cheasty Boulevard and Longfellow Creek in 2004, and extensive construction on the Chief Sealth Trail in cooperation with Sound Transit.

In the Major Park subcategory, significant work at Cal Anderson Park project in 2004 brought the life-to-date spending closer to plan, but the Waterfront Connections at Belltown and Lower Queen Anne project is delayed due to dependence on Seattle Art Museum's development of the Olympic Sculpture Park and on the need for Seattle Department of Transportation to leverage additional funds for the Thomas Street connection.

In the Playfields subcategory, three of the six projects are now complete, but spending is lower than plan due to permitting delays for construction of the Magnuson Park athletic fields project.

A contingency fund has been established to cover unanticipated development project costs. Of the 18 projects completed in 2004, 15 were completed within or under budget. Contingency funds were allocated to three projects completed in 2004. During renovation of the Alki and Golden Gardens bathhouses, dry rot and other unanticipated building conditions were discovered and contingency funds were used to remedy these conditions. An accounting error led to over-expenditure of the Cheasty Boulevard project budget.

Development Program Leverage of Supplemental Funding

In 2004, levy funds leveraged an additional \$1,592,000 to enhance projects identified in the Development category. This success was due to community and corporate partners, who raised funds or contributed to Oxbow Park, Horiuchi Park, Alki Bathhouse, and Longfellow Trail. Grants from the state and county, and partnerships with Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle Public Library also contributed.

In addition, in 2004 the Seattle Parks Foundation committed to raising significant funds for South Lake Union Park.

The most significant example of leveraging to date on a levy development project is the Chief Sealth Trail. The levy targeted \$2.1 million toward this Southeast Seattle project, which is managed by Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). The City is partnering with RCI Herzog, the contractor that is building the nearby light rail project. Through this partnership, the City is able to accomplish a trail that is longer than originally envisioned in the levy and in a reduced timeframe. RCI Herzog is contributing an estimated \$5.4 million of services toward trail construction, including importing and contouring soil for fill that is needed for the trail. In addition, Sound Transit will contribute \$1 million to the Chief Sealth Trail project as part of a negotiated mitigation package related to the construction of the light rail line along Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. In July 2004, the Pro Parks Levy Oversight Committee approved an SDOT proposal to move a portion of the funding targeted for Chief Sealth Trail to the Lake Union Ship Canal Trail project. A segment of the Lake Union Ship Canal Trail along Westlake had encountered issues related to structural walls, pilings and utilities. \$760,000 had originally been targeted in the Levy as one of the funding sources for the Lake Union Ship Canal Trail.

2004 Development Program Activities

Of the 95 development projects in the levy, work was underway on 61 projects in 2004, and 18 projects had already been completed prior to 2004.

- *Planning and design:* Park improvement plans and design processes under way in 2004 included South Lake Union, I-5 Open Space, Magnolia Elementary Field, Northlake Park (7th Ave NE Street End), Laurelhurst and Montlake Community Centers, Northgate Park, Ballard Commons Park, Loyal Heights Playfield, Ross Park Shelterhouse, Beacon Reservoir Park, and Martin Luther King Jr. Park.
- *Construction:* In 2004, projects in construction included Homer Harris Park, Cal Anderson Park, Cascade Playground, Lake City Civic Core, Lake City Mini-Park, Seward Park hatchery site renovation, Magnuson Park Athletic Fields, and Chief Sealth Trail.

- *Partnerships:* A wide variety of professional, charitable and community partnerships are enhancing levy development projects. For example, the Seattle Parks Foundation is playing a key role in Homer Harris Park and South Lake Union. And local property owners and the development community are providing \$600,000 toward improvements at Cascade Playground. In addition, partnerships with other public agencies also play a key role, such as coordination with Seattle Public Utilities at Bitter Lake Reservoir. As noted above, partnering with a contractor in Southeast Seattle will result in a new Chief Sealth Trail with significantly reduced cost to taxpayers.
- *Public Involvement:* Since the levy began, thousands of neighborhood residents have joined Parks staff in more than 150 public planning meetings throughout the city. In addition project advisory teams have provided guidance on some of the more complex development projects, such as the site planning for Jefferson Park/Beacon Reservoir, Northgate Park (and community center and library), and Ballard Commons.

2004 Development Program Accomplishments and Project Highlights

In 2004, 18 levy development projects were completed. (Note: See the Opportunity Fund category for additional development projects.)



A. B. Ernst Park: In September, the community celebrated the completion of a new park in downtown Fremont. The park was created in partnership with Seattle Public Library, provides wheelchair access to the lower floor of the adjacent branch library, and preserves views to the designated historic landmark. It also extends a pedestrian pathway through the neighborhood.



Kubota Garden: Levy improvements to this unique American-Japanese garden in Southeast Seattle were completed in 2004. A new entrance, ADA accessible paths, rockeries, and pond enhancements were included. The project successfully aimed at enhancing the visitor experience, preserving the historical perspective, and providing maintenance and infrastructure improvements.



Longfellow Creek Trail: The Levy includes ten trail projects. In 2004, the second phase of the trail along Longfellow Creek in West Seattle was completed. The trail includes artwork, including markers to indicate trail entrances. The Longfellow Legacy Trail links the creek's headwaters in Roxhill Park with the last segment of open water near the creek terminus at SW Yancy Street.

Two projects completed in 2004 included art installations funds by the Levy's 1% for Art Program. The renovated Bergen Place Park in Ballard featured "Witness Trees," and an art walk along the eastern perimeter of the renovated Mineral Springs Park was also completed.

The reconstruction of two bathhouses was completed in 2004. The Golden Garden Bathhouse hosts teen programs and environmental education, and is now a popular rental facility for weddings and other events. Arts and pottery classes are underway at the remodeled Alki Bathhouse, and the multi-purpose room is available for private rental.

Development Progress to Date through 2004:

Neighborhood Park Development: Of the 74 projects in this subcategory, 30 projects were substantially completed through 2004. The 15 projects completed in 2004 were: Alki Bathhouse, Nantes Park (Alki Substation), Bergen Place Park, Bitter Lake Reservoir, Cowen Park, Ernst Park, Oxbow Park (Georgetown Park), Gas Works Park, Golden Gardens Bathhouse, Hiawatha Entry, Kubota Garden, Mineral Springs Park (North Seattle Park), North Teen Life Center, Rainier Playfield, and 6th Ave NW Pocket Park.

Major Neighborhood Park Development: The five projects in this subcategory are extensive in scope and will each take several years to complete. Projects include Beacon Reservoir Park, Lincoln Reservoir Park (Cal Anderson Park), Sand Point/Magnuson wetland, South Lake Union Park, and Waterfront Connections at Belltown and Lower Queen Anne.

- In 2004, significant work was done at Cal Anderson Park, following lidding of Lincoln Reservoir. The project adds four acres of new park space to Capitol Hill and will open in summer 2005.

- Planning and design work moved forward for South Lake Union Park.

Playfields and Facilities: Of the six projects in this subcategory, three are completed: Genesee, Judkins and Meadowbrook Playfields.

- Construction of the Magnuson sportsmeadow began in 2004. The project will be completed in summer 2005, and open for use in fall 2006 after turf establishment.

- Loyal Heights Playfield planning will begin in 2005

- West Seattle Stadium planning is complete and design is scheduled for 2005.

Trails and Boulevards: Of the ten projects in this subcategory, three are completed: Longfellow Creek Trail, Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail, and Cheasty Boulevard. In addition, significant work was accomplished on the Chief Sealth Trail in southeast Seattle. Lake Washington Boulevard and Queen Anne Boulevard are slated for 2005. Additional trail projects include Burke-Gilman Trail, Lake Union/Ship Canal Trail, Mountain to Sound Greenway, and Lake Union to Elliott Bay Trail (former Potlatch Trail)

Levy Category: Environmental Stewardship, Maintenance, Programming, Zoo

This category includes five subcategories: maintenance of new parks and green spaces acquired and developed through the Levy, environmental stewardship, enhanced maintenance of existing properties, increased recreational programming for youth and seniors, and increased operational support for the Woodland Park Zoo.

2004 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2004	Planned Expenditures 2004	Percent of Planned 2004	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2001-2004	Planned Expenditures 2001-2004	Percent of 2001-2004 Planned
Environmental Stewardship	1,287	1,289	100%	4,131	4,148	100%
New Park/Green Space Maintenance	290	402	72%	294	541	54%
Enhanced Park and Facility Maintenance	959	865	111%	3,552	3,437	103%
Recreational Programming	2,320	2,251	103%	6,425	7,245	89%
Zoo Programming	2,685	2,685	100%	10,316	10,367	100%
TOTAL	7,540	7,492	101%	24,717	25,738	96%

^a Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

Maintenance and Programming Levy Spending to Date

Spending for Environmental Stewardship, Enhanced Park and Facility Maintenance, and Zoo Programming is consistent with the 8-year Levy plan. Spending in the New Park/Green Space Maintenance subcategory is lower than projected since the initial expenditures in this subcategory were delayed. Spending in the Recreational Programming subcategory continues to be slightly lower than originally planned due to less participation in the Learn to Swim program than projected. This program was conceived to provide swimming instruction during the day to all 3rd and 4th graders in Seattle Public Schools. However, Seattle Public Schools decided that swimming instruction would not be included during the school day. Seattle Parks restructured the program to make lesson vouchers available to the same population, and outreach has been extended to home school and private school students. Additional changes are being considered for 2005 to increase enrollment.

Maintenance and Programming Leverage of Supplemental Funding

The table above does not include information on supplemental funding because Pro Parks Levy program contributions are included with the other programming funding through the Associated Recreation Council (ARC). Seattle Parks is not able to track Pro Parks Levy program contributions or donations separately from other program funding through ARC. Funding or other

donations in this category will be represented by anecdotal information in the accomplishment section of the narrative for this category.

2004 Maintenance and Programming Accomplishments and Project Highlights

New Park and Green Space Maintenance: Levy funds helped provide routine grounds maintenance and gardening activities in properties that were acquired or parks that were developed through the levy. These resources remove litter and garbage and maintain lawns, play areas, park furniture and fixtures, pathways, irrigation systems and other park assets. Examples of parks that received new or additional resources included Ward Springs Park, Judkins Park, Greenwood Park, Oxbow Park, and the site acquired for a new park in Uptown.

Environmental Stewardship



Custodian Debi Belt shows off Parks' new green cleaning products

- *Environmental Stewardship:* The Environmental Stewardship Unit focused on improving Seattle Parks and Recreation's performance in including the best environmental practices in its field operations. The unit led the development of a training program on Best Management Practices in nine areas of landscape maintenance. The training is being conducted for Park Resources staff in 2005. The Environmental Stewardship unit partnered with Seattle Public Utilities to develop a paper waste reduction program that the Mayor used as the model for a City wide program aimed at reducing employees' use of paper by 15% in 2005 and mandating the use of recycled paper. 2004 saw the conversion of all of the Department's custodians to the use of green cleaning products and the completion of a successful pilot environmental program for youth called Outdoors Opportunities. Over 100 teens participated, and the program is being expanded in 2005. Environmental programs were delivered to 3,500 youth in community center summer day camps, and the Pro Parks funded naturalists used partnerships to sponsor an Environmental Career Fair and continue improvements to the Taylor Creek watershed.
- *Ballfield and Landscape Maintenance:* Crews completed 120 landscape maintenance and repair projects, and 57 athletic field repair and improvement projects. They also led 31 volunteer landscape restoration projects. North, Central and South Pro Parks staff worked together to complete large landscape projects at Freeway Park, Judkins Park, Jefferson Community Center, the Arboretum and Green Lake Park. Significant improvements to ballfields were accomplished at Dahl, Lower Woodland, TT Minor, West Magnolia, Rainier and Riverview.
- *Tree and Natural Area Maintenance:* The Pro Parks tree crew worked on 929 trees with major work completed at Volunteer Park, Discovery Park, Laurelhurst Playground, Cowen Park, 17th Avenue Northeast and Madison Park. Preventive tree maintenance was accomplished at 20 additional parks throughout the city. The Natural Area crew restored 4.37 acres of forest lands and planted over 2,100 native plants. The crew constructed 250 feet of new trails, performed maintenance on 780 feet of existing trail and supervised 2,678 hours of volunteer park restoration projects.

Enhanced Maintenance

- *Enhanced maintenance:* Crews provided second shift maintenance seven days per week from mid-May to mid-October at 108 most heavily used parks, ballfields and viewpoints throughout the city including all of the downtown parks. These crews supported 112 special events after regular business hours and on weekends. They monitored beach fires at Golden Gardens and Alki and ensured fires were extinguished after hours. Deep cleaning of hard surfaces was completed at Freeway Park, Gasworks Park, Lincoln Park and Van Asselt Park. The Pro Parks comfort station crews provided second shift cleaning at the 68 most heavily used comfort stations and expanded the late night lock up program to further reduce vandalism. Evening service was extended to seven days per week citywide, and the north crew introduced a 24 hour comfort station complaint hotline to improve service delivery.
- *Cleaner Community Centers and Pools:* Custodial staff performed 6,550 hours of enhanced building maintenance at 13 of the most heavily used community centers. Crews focused on high use public areas including entries, bathrooms, meeting rooms, gym floors and windows. Pool Operators provided additional support for swim meets, dive movies, dog swims and pool parties at the 10 most popular pools, assisted regular staff with deep cleaning of pool decks, locker rooms and furniture, and responded to emergency calls. Pools achieved an average inspection rating of 88.67%.

Recreation Programming

- *Wading Pools:* Pro Parks funding provided additional days of wading pool operation at all 11 sites and extended hours of operation at 5 community center pool sites. Daily average attendance at full day sites exceeded 60 persons, and all health and safety inspections were satisfactory.
- *Senior Adult Programs:* 1,200 senior adults participated in 149 classes and trips including new programs at the Magnuson Park and International District/ Chinatown Community Centers. A senior adult theatre group was initiated at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, and over 300 competed in 10 different sports at the Greater Seattle Senior Games



Teen Programs: Programming for teens continued to grow in 2004 under the Mayor's youth strategies model with a focus on service learning, arts and culture, adventure clubs and youth employment. Programs were reviewed by Paul Heckman, an expert in the field, and the Teen Steering Committee set about making improvements based on Heckman's findings. As a result, five signature programs will be designed to provide the best possible range of programs for teens across the city.

The Pro Parks Oversight Committee was briefed on this change for 2005 implementation. More than 2,000 middle school and high school students participated in department sponsored service learning projects and 320 participated in community service and summer employment programs. The youth/teen development fund awarded profit partners. Underserved populations benefited from grants that supported programs for homeless, immigrant, disabled and poor youth and teens.

- *Learn to Swim:* The program was expanded to include home school and private school children living in Seattle because enrollment of public school children in grades 3 and 4 was not up to expectations. At year end 1,154 children had enrolled, down from 2003. We are evaluating additional changes for 2005 to increase enrollment.

Woodland Park Zoo

The Pro Parks Levy is vital to core operations at Woodland Park Zoo. These include animal care, horticulture, admissions and security staff. Levy proceeds are also critical to access and participation in zoo programs by students enrolled in Seattle schools. The School-to-Zoo program provides subsidized admission and transportation to the zoo for Seattle schools with 30% or more of their students qualifying for the free- and reduced-rate lunch program. Levy funding also supports on-grounds activities and outreach programs for schools as well as enhancing the zoo's capacity for Web-based online education programs.



Masters of the Web Exhibit

Education: In 2004, 8,000 Seattle school students visited Woodland Park Zoo through the levy-funded School-to-Zoo program, and another 1,000 took part in the levy-funded Forest Explorers program. Levy funds also enabled more than 2,000 students to see live birds of prey through the Save Our Amazing Raptors (SOAR) program, and more than 5,000 fifth to seventh graders to learn about nature through the zoo's Wild Wise program. The levy touched Seattle teens too, as 110 students participated in Zoo Corps, with 76 of them completing their service learning requirements through the program.



Butterflies and Blooms

Facilities and Major Maintenance: The levy funded a number of major maintenance and exhibit upgrade projects in 2004. Highlights included restoration of the zoo's main loop pathway, upgrading of exhibit heating for gorillas, construction of exterior holding facilities for the colobus monkeys, replacement of the fabric cover for the "Butterflies & Blooms" exhibit, and the conversion of several buildings into the wildly popular "Masters of the Web" exhibit.

Levy Category: Acquisition and Development Opportunity Fund

The first cycle of the Levy's \$10 million Opportunity Fund included 19 citizen-initiated park acquisition and development projects. The project nomination process for the second cycle began in 2004.

2004 Pro Parks Activity

Dollars in Thousands

	Total Expenditures 2004	Planned Expenditures 2004 ^a	Percent of Planned 2004	Life-to-Date		
				Total Expenditures 2001-2004	Planned Expenditures 2001-2004	Percent of Planned 2001-2004
Opportunity Fund Acquisition						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	650			2,819		
Other City	78			479		
Total Expenses	728			3,298		
Reimbursements	61			496		
Total Leveraged Funds	139			976		
Net Pro Parks Expenses	589			2,323		
Opportunity Fund Development						
Expenses						
Pro Parks	424			970		
Other City	0			172		
Total Expenses	424			1,142		
Reimbursements	71			71		
Total Leveraged Funds	71			243		
Net Pro Parks Expenses	353			899		
TOTAL: Net Pro Parks	941	1,500	63%	3,221	3,000	107%
TOTAL: Leveraged Funds	211	n.a.		1,219		
GRAND TOTAL	1,152	1,500	77%	4,440	3,000	148%

^a Planned amounts refers to the Levy program's initial financial plan developed in July, 2000.

Opportunity Fund Levy Spending to Date

As shown in the Life-to-Date figures in the above table, spending in the Opportunity Fund category is consistent with the 8-year Levy plan.

Opportunity Fund Leverage of Supplemental Funding

In 2004, \$211,000 was received in leveraged funds for Opportunity Fund projects, primarily related to the acquisition of property for the Fremont Peak Park project and improvements to Flo Ware Park.

Parks staff and community continued to seek matching funds to enhance Opportunity Fund projects, and in 2004 \$800,000 was approved in County matching funds toward Opportunity Fund acquisition projects. This will be reflected in future reports when funding is received. The matching funds were anticipated in the project budgets.

2004 Opportunity Fund Activities

In 2004, Parks staff continued to implement the 19 citizen-initiated projects that were approved in the first cycle of the Opportunity Fund.

In addition, the nomination process for the second cycle of the Opportunity Fund was begun, and 60 letters of intent were received for potential park acquisition and development projects. Final project applications were due in early 2005, and the selection process for the second cycle is expected to be complete in late summer 2005.

2004 Opportunity Fund Accomplishments and Project Highlights



Flo Ware Park: A grand opening event for the renovated park was held on May 8, 2004. Artwork that celebrates the life of Flo Ware is now part of the park, including the entry structure by Coyote Jr. High artists and the quotes that are spelled out in colorful ribbons of concrete flowing through the park. New play equipment and a basketball court are also features of this renovated park in Central Seattle.



Licton Springs: A new boardwalk replaces the old wooden structure connecting the historic iron springs to the central area of the park. The Opportunity Fund also supported habitat restoration portion at this park in north Seattle.



International District/Chinatown Community Center: The Opportunity Fund helped to make it possible for this popular new community center to include a new gym. Taiko drummers were a highlight of the September 2004 dedication ceremony.

Fremont Peak Park: A third property was acquired at Fremont Peak Park, to complete the acquisition of view property in this densely developed neighborhood for a new park.

Pinehurst Pocket Park: Property nominated by Pinehurst citizens was acquired for a new pocket park.

Opportunity Fund Progress to Date through 2004:

The first cycle of the Opportunity Fund targeted 19 projects; seven development projects and 12 acquisition projects. Of these, six development projects and five acquisition projects were completed through 2004.

Citizens Oversight Committee (June 2005):

2000 Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails, and Zoo Levy

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Major contributors and partners in Pro Parks Levy acquisition and development projects in 2004 included:

6th Avenue NW Pocket Park Association

Alki Community Improvement Fund

Alki Community Center Advisory Council

The Boeing Company

Community Development Block Grant

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association

Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund

Friends of the Alki Bathhouse

Friends of Flo Ware Park

Friends of Fremont Peak Park

Georgetown Community Council

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Seattle Arts Commission/Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs

Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation & Development Authority

Seattle Department of Transportation

Seattle Public Library

Seattle Public Utilities

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Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC)

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December 31, 2004 Status
(report prepared 3/15/05)

Project

		Planning	In Acquisition	In Closing	Acquisition Completed	Status
Central East						
Bellevue Substation	N'hood Parks					Staff are pursuing purchase of an alternate site owned by Diamond Parking at Summit and John.
Capitol Hill Park	N'hood Parks					Identified sites owned by Group Health, which has been unresponsive to previous inquiries but has indicated one site (<i>not</i> optimally located) as possibly available. County approved \$500,000 in CFT funds in late 2004.
Central Area Park: Homer Harris Park	N'hood Parks					Property purchased at 24th & E. Howell, 12/02. Pro Parks funds were supplemented for purchase, development and maintenance with \$1.3 million gift through Parks Foundation.
First Hill Park	N'hood Parks					Acquire property for future neighborhood park. Urban Center Park Plan underway to identify alternate site(s) and community park needs. Working with developers, DPD, SDOT and SoundTransit to identify and evaluate opportunities.
Harrison Ridge Greenbelt	Greenspace					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space. One property planned for 2006; this would complete acquisition plan for this area.
Leschi Natural Area - Property 1	Greenspace					Acquired view property in 2001; community and Department have built a loop trail in the greenspace and planted native trees and plants.
Leschi Natural Area - Property 2	Greenspace					Potential additional acquisition to connect existing green space. One property planned for 2007.
Mount Baker Ridge view site - Opportunity Fund	Opportunity Fund					Acquired view property in January 2003.
St. Mark's Greenbelt	Greenspace					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space. One property planned for 2008, provided owner becomes willing to sell.
Central West						
Denny Triangle - Opportunity Fund	Opportunity Fund					Acquire new park site in urban village. Property research and planning are underway. Approximately \$950,000 in matching funds from County Conservation Futures tax approved by County Council in 11/03.
Kiwanis Ravine	Greenspace					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space and protect habitat. This green space hosts the largest great blue heron nesting colony in the city. One key property is being appraised.
NE Queen Anne Greenbelt	Greenspace					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space in NE Queen Anne Greenbelt. Two properties planned for 2006.
Queen Anne Park Acquisition	N'hood Parks					In April 2004, a 0.28-acre site was acquired at Queen Anne Ave N and Roy St. In late 2004, County approved \$800,000 in CFT matching funds.
Pioneer Square/International District - Opportunity Fund	Opportunity Fund					Buy land for new park in one or both areas. Pioneer Square requested reserving part of funds until broader community planning completed. Priority sites in Int'l District identified. Appraisal underway for primary site; offer to be made summer 2005. \$800,000 in CFT funds approved in 2004.
Smith Cove Acquisition	N'hood Parks					7.3 acres acquired from U. S. Navy 8/29/03 through Pro Parks Levy, SPIF, and King County funds. The County provided funds for interim improvements to the lower portion of the site. The upper portion of the site was opened to the public in April 2004.
Southwest Queen Anne Greenbelt	Greenspace					In November 2004, purchase was completed from King County for tax title for 0.01 acres property in greenbelt.
Westlake Greenbelt	Greenspace					Potential acquisition to consolidate existing green space. One property planned for 2006. This would complete acquisition plan for area.
Wolf Creek Ravine	Greenspace					A 0.13-acre property in this green space on Queen Anne was donated 4/7/04.

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Project

		Planning	In Acquisition	In Closing	Acquisition Completed	Status
Northeast						
Lake City Civic Core	N'hood Parks					Added 0.2 acres to park in 2001 as part of civic campus development to serve the Lake City neighborhood.
Northgate Park	N'hood Parks					1.67 acres acquired in 2002 for a new park in the Northgate urban village at NE 105th and 5th NE, adjacent to new library and community center.
North Open Space Acquisitions - Site 1	N'hood Parks					On 1/25/02 acquired 2 acres along Little Brook at NE 117th and 36th NE, in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities.
North Open Space Acquisitions - Site 2	N'hood Parks					Acquired 0.67 acres along South Branch of Thornton Creek at NE 100th and 20th NE in 2002, in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities.
North Open Space Acquisitions - Site 3	N'hood Parks					On 7/31/03, acquired .19-acre property along a Thornton Creek tributary, near 25th NE and NE 95th.
North Open Space Acquisition - Site 4	N'hood Parks					On 10/2/03 acquired a half-acre property on NE 105th, adjacent to Thornton Creek Park #6, near the future Northgate community center. Property is traversed by about 140 linear feet of the creek.
North Open Space Acquisition - Site 5	N'hood Parks					On 5/14/04 a 0.53-acre property was acquired along Thornton Creek; the site provides important access to Thornton Creek Park #2, and connects Park ownership along the creek. The County approved \$200,000 in CFT matching funds in 2004.
Maple Leaf community garden	Opportunity Fund					On 8/29/03 this 0.4 acre property was purchased on NE 103rd St, just east of 5th Ave NE, near Northgate.
Pinehurst pocket park	Opportunity Fund					On 6/28/04 a 0.19-acre property was purchased at NE 117th and 19th NE for a future neighborhood park. This was funded through the Pro Parks Opportunity Fund and County CFT funds.
University District	Opportunity Fund					Urban Center Park Plan, to be completed 4/05, adds context for identifying sites. Ongoing talks with SoundTransit & developers re cooperative projects. Weighing offer to SSD for U-Heights south lot. If no results by 12/05, will pursue Christie Park expansion. \$950,000 CFT approved in '03.
Northwest						
Ballard Open Space - Site 1	Opportunity Fund					Acquire site for future neighborhood park. Property purchase closed on 3/17/03 for corner property at NW 63rd and 17th NW.
Ballard Open Space - Site 2	Opportunity Fund					Potential future acquisition to expand existing Baker Park or other sites.
Ballard Park (Monroe Substation)	N'hood Parks					Consensus emerging that alternate site at 62nd and 17th NW would be preferable to substation site. Appraisal being initiated; offer to be made by third quarter 2005.
Fremont Peak	Opportunity Fund					Acquired view property in 2002 at N 45th and Palatine Ave N for new neighborhood park in underserved area. Third parcel was acquired 9/30/04. Three structures to be removed in 2005.
Green Lake Open Space	N'hood Parks					Acquired site at NW corner of 67th and Linden in 2001.
Greenwood Park Addition	Opportunity Fund					Acquired two lots, totalling 0.3 acre, on 12/16/03 to expand new park at site of former greenhouses at 87th and Fremont Ave N.
North Beach Ravine	Greenspace					Potential acquisition to connect existing green space and extend watershed and habitat preservation. This ravine includes the second largest great blue heron nesting colony in the city. One property planned for 2006.
Whittier Substation and Addition	N'hood Parks					Substation at NW 76 and 6th NW acquired 8/29/03. Adjacent property acquired by Seattle Parks 6/03, with assistance of Cascade Land Conservancy.

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(report prepared 3/15/05)

Project

		Planning	In Acquisition	In Closing	Acquisition Completed	Status
Southeast						
East Duwamish Greenbelt	Greenspace					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space. Negotiations are under way for three properties. Six properties planned for 2007.
Kubota Garden Natural Area - Mapes Creek	Greenspace					Potential acquisitions to connect existing green space adjacent to Kubota Garden and protect Mapes Creek watershed. Negotiations are under way for two properties. Will acquire or abandon by end of 2005.
Kubota Garden Natural Area - Renton Avenue	Greenspace					Two additional properties on Renton Avenue, adjacent to Mapes Creek, identified through Opportunity Fund process, being evaluated as potential green space acquisitions.
Maple School Natural Area	Greenspace					Two properties planned for 2006 to connect existing green space.
York Substation	N'hood Parks					Substation at S Charlestown and Renton Ave S acquired 8/29/03.
Southwest						
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Croft Place	N'hood Parks					3-acre site acquired at Croft Place and Delridge Way in August 2002 in partnership with Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association, which acquired other half of large property for housing.
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Puget Creek	N'hood Parks					On 8/29/03, acquired 0.24-acre property in Puget Creek watershed.
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Puget Creek	N'hood Parks					Negotiations underway for two additional properties in Puget Creek watershed. Funding from previous IAC grant identified as potential match.
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Longfellow Creek	N'hood Parks					Two properties along Longfellow Creek, .11 acre and .14 acre, expected to close 1st quarter 2005.
Delridge Open Space Acquisitions - Longfellow Creek	N'hood Parks					Negotiations underway for additional properties along Longfellow Creek
West Duwamish Greenbelt - Site 1	Greenspace					Acquired 10 acre site in 2001 to preserve connected wildlife corridor in the city's largest greenbelt.
West Duwamish Greenbelt - Site 2	Greenspace					Potential additional acquisitions to preserve wildlife habitat and connect existing green space. Preliminary agreement reached in 2004 to transfer 13 acres of Soundway property to Parks. Three properties planned for 2006; two properties planned for 2007.
Alki Substation	N'hood Parks					Substation at SW Admiral Way and 51st SW acquired 8/29/03.
Alki Substation addition	N'hood Parks					Agreement reached with owner of adjacent property; acquisition expected to close in first quarter 2005.
California Substation	N'hood Parks					Acquire substation site. Working with City Light to conduct site cleanup prior to property transfer, which is expected to close in early 2005.
Duwamish Head Greenspace	Greenspace					On 12/15/03 a property owner donated a .4 acre site in the Duwamish Head Greenbelt to Seattle Parks and Recreation.
Duwamish Head Greenspace	Greenspace					In November 2004, purchase was completed from King County for tax title for 0.07 acre property along Admiral Way in greenbelt.
Duwamish Head Greenspace	Greenspace					Negotiating purchase of 1/3-acre view property in greenspace; expected to close in 2005.
Ercolini site	Opportunity Fund					Acquire site for future neighborhood park. Nominated for Opportunity Fund by owner. In 11/04 preliminary IAC approval given for 2005 state grant. Appraisal update and offer being prepared for closing in 2005.
Gateway North	Opportunity Fund					Parks and SPU collaborating on acquisition from City Light for future park on Duwamish River. Timing is dependent on City Light site testing and cleanup.
Junction Plaza	Opportunity Fund					Acquire site for future park in West Seattle Junction. Environmental cleanup by owner is near completion. Scheduled to close in 2005.
Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area - Site 1	Greenspace					On 10/31/03 a 2.14-acre site was purchased in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area. The former owner committed a significant portion of the purchase proceeds to future greenspace preservation in Seattle.
Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area - Site 2	Greenspace					On 3/31/04, Parks completed purchase of rights in a conservation easement on a 1.73 acre property.
Morgan Substation	N'hood Parks					Acquire substation site at SW Morgan and 42nd SW. City Light schedule transfers site in 2008. Will seek alternate site if City Light schedule cannot be accelerated and agreed to by end of 2005.
Sylvan Way	N'hood Parks					Acquire portion of undeveloped site at Sylvan Way and 28th SW for passive open space/neighborhood park. Working with developer of site to determine potential scope of acquisition.

2000 Parks Levy: Status of Named Development Projects
4th Quarter 2004 Status
Project

Planning
Design
Construction
Complete
Status and Recent Developments

Central East					Status and Recent Developments
Bellevue Substation (or alternate site) Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2006.
Boren/Pike/Pine Park Improvements					The project went out to public bid in April 2004. The low bid was significantly more than the project estimate. As a result, all bids were rejected and the project is being redesigned and will be rebid in the 2nd qtr. 2005.
Capitol Hill Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2007.
Central Area Park (Homer Harris Park) Development					The project went out to bid in September 2004. Construction will be complete in the 1st qtr. 2005.
First Hill Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2007.
Lincoln Reservoir Improvements - Resv. Lidding Project (Cal Anderson Park)					Construction of the Phase 3 park improvements on the reservoir lid were completed in the 4th qtr. 2004. The 4th and final phase of the park project that will add a new play area and park entries, went out to bid in the 3rd qtr. 2004. Completion of the entire reservoir and park improvement project is targeted for late 2005.
Lincoln Reservoir Improvements - Shelterhouse					Completed
Montlake Community Center					Project planning was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Spruce & Squire (Horiuchi Park) Development					Completed
Judkins Playfield					Completed
Washington Park Arboretum					Planning for the first 3 improvement projects at the Arboretum is underway. These projects include the Irrigation Mainlines, Wayfinding & Interpretation, and Madrona Terrace/South Entry. Schematic design for the Madrona Terrace project was nearing completion in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Central West					Status and Recent Developments
Lower QA Wtrfrnt Connections - OSP					Seattle Art Museum is managing the project. The sculpture park is scheduled to begin construction in 2005.
Lower QA Wtrfrnt Connections - Thomas Street (SDOT)					The project will help fund an overpass at Thomas St. between Queen Anne's Uptown and Myrtle Edwards Park. Planning work is underway. SDOT is managing this project.
Cascade Playground Improvements					The playground project has been redesigned in response to additional funding being provided by a local development team. Construction began in the 2nd qtr. 2004. The play area was completed in the 3rd qtr. 2004, with the remainder of the project to be completed in the 1st qtr. 2005.
Dexter Pit Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2006.
Ward Springs Park Development					Completed
I-5 Open Space Development					Construction documents for the space under I-5 are being completed for stairways, trails, dog off-leash and mountain bike areas. An extended lease negotiation with WSDOT has delayed the project. Plans call for the lease with WSDOT to be approved by City Council in the 1st qtr. 2005.
Lake Union Trail (SDOT)					Design is being completed. SDOT is managing this project.
Magnolia Elementary Field Improvements					Project planning is underway. Public involvement meetings will begin in the 1st qtr. 2005.
Mountain to Sound Greenway Development (SDOT)					The planning has begun for the project to link the greenway trail from I-90 to Elliott Bay. SDOT is managing this project.
Pioneer Square Area Park Improvements					Improvements to Pioneer Square Park were completed in the 4th qtr. 2004. The design of more extensive improvements to Occidental Square Park including lighting, a stage, repaving the entire square, and landscaping is underway.
Potlatch Trail					This funding has been combined with the Lower Queen Anne Waterfront Connections - Thomas Street project. The connection to Myrtle Edwards Park at Thomas St. is a part of the Potlatch Trail route. SDOT is managing this project.
Queen Anne Blvd Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
Queen Anne Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
South Lake Union Park Development					Construction documents began in the 4th qtr. 2004. Completion of a fundraising plan by the Parks Foundation will allow the project to move into construction documents.

2000 Parks Levy: Status of Named Development Projects
4th Quarter 2004 Status
Project

	Planning	Design	Construction	Complete	Status and Recent Developments
Northeast					
7th Avenue NE Street End Development					Project design and permitting is underway.
Cowen Park Improvements					Completed
Lake City Civic Core Development					As a part of the civic campus redevelopment, the project to redevelop Albert Davis Park went out to bid in the 4th qtr. 2003. Construction work began in the 1st qtr. 2004. The park project is slated for completion in the 1st qtr. 2005.
Lake City Mini Park Development					The project went out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004. The low bid was significantly more than the project budget. As a result, all bids were rejected and the project was redesigned and rebid. The project is slated for completion in the 2nd qtr. 2005.
Laurelhurst Community Center					Project planning was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Meadowbrook Playfield					Completed
Northgate Park Development					The combined project that includes a new community center and library went out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004. The project bids were significantly more than the project budget. The project will be redesigned and funding will be added to the project. The redesigned project will go out to bid again in the 1st qtr. 2005.
North Teen Life Center					The project to develop a teen life center, in the former community center at Nathan Hale High School, went out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004. Additional funding was added to the project to respond to higher than anticipated construction bids. The project was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Ravenna Creek Daylighting					Design is being completed to daylight Ravenna Creek around the existing ballfield, and improve entries and trails. Extended negotiations with SPU and King Co. on related storm pipe maintenance delayed the project. The project is slated to go out to bid in spring 2005 and break ground in July 2005.
Sand Point/Magnuson Athletic Fields					The Sports Meadow project, a multi-field renovation project, began construction the 2nd qtr. 2004. The project was mothballed over the winter and will restart in the spring. Planning of the larger athletic fields project began in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Sand Point/Magnuson Building 406 Improvements					Completed
Sand Point/Magnuson Off-Leash Area					Completed
Sand Point/Magnuson Community Garden					Completed
Sand Point/Magnuson Wetlands					The wetlands will create an area for stormwater treatment and wildlife habitat. Linked to the athletic fields project, planning began in the 4th qtr. 2004.
University - Burke Gilman Area Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin in 2006.
University Heights Open Space Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin in 2006.
Northwest					
Ballard Municipal Center Park Development					A preferred schematic design was approved in the 2nd qtr. 2004. A Project Advisory Team and Skate Advisory Committee met to make recommendations on specific portions of the project design. Design development plans were completed and the design moved into construction drawings in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Bergen Place Park Improvements					Completed
Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space Development					The project to develop a pathway, open space, and drainage improvements around the Bitter Lake Reservoir in cooperation with SPU, went out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004. Construction was substantially complete in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Burke Gilman Trail Improvements (SDOT)					This trail project from 67th to Golden Gardens is in design, construction is planned for 2005. SDOT is managing the project.
Carkeek Park Improvements					Renovation of the McAbee Trail was completed in the 3rd qtr. 2004. Trail and pedestrian bridge construction along the South Ridge Trail, and the 1st phase of invasives removal work, was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004. Design work on the interpretive signage continues.
Crown Hill School Open Space Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
Fremont Park (Ernst Park) Development					Completed
Gas Works Park Improvements					The project to improve the park, primarily the northwest corner to create open space and park connections, went out to public bid in the 2nd qtr. 2004. Construction at the site was substantially completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Golden Gardens Bathhouse Renovation					Completed
Linden Orchards Park (Green Lake Open Space Development)					Completed
Green Lake Park Plaza and Shade Garden					This project is scheduled to begin in 2006.
Greenwood Park Site Development					Completed
Loyal Heights Playfield Improvements					Project planning to improve the playfield is underway.
North Seattle Park (Mineral Springs Park) Improvements					Completed
Ross Park Shelterhouse Improvements					Design Development for the project to renovate the shelterhouse was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004. The project will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2005.

**2000 Parks Levy: Status of Named Development Projects
4th Quarter 2004 Status**

Project	Planning	Design	Construction	Complete	Status and Recent Developments
Wallingford Playfield					Completed
Wallingford Steps					Completed
Whittier Substation (6th Avenue NW) Development					Construction of the Pro Parks portion of the project to create a new neighborhood park at NW 76th St. and 6th Ave. NW in the Ballard/Crown Hill neighborhood was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Southeast					
John C. Little Sr. (37th Avenue S) Park Development					The project will be delayed to accommodate SHA's continued use of the site as a "Market Garden" through October 2005. Design is currently underway, so the project can go out to bid in late 2005 for construction in 2006.
Beacon Reservoir Park (Jefferson Park) Acq./Devel.					With the approved site plan as a guide, the planning for the park at the Beacon Reservoir is underway. Parks will work closely with SPU on the park/reservoir project. A new Project Advisory Team was formed and a design consultant was hired in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Bradner Gardens Improvements					Completed
Cheasty Blvd. Improvements					The project to create a trail, drainage and landscape improvements along the boulevard was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Chief Sealth Trail Development (SDOT)					This project is under construction. SDOT is managing this project.
Colman School Parking Lot					The project's schematic design was finalized in the 2nd qtr. 2004 to improve the parking lot next to Sam Smith Park. Construction documents were underway in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Columbia Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
Genesee Playfield Renovation					Completed
Genesee Playfield Renovation - Lighting					Completed
Jefferson Park Pathway Development					Completed
Jefferson Park Tennis Courts					Project planning is underway as part of the overall Beacon Reservoir Park (Jefferson Park) planning/design process.
Kubota Garden Improvements					The project improved the garden entry, ADA access, drainage, irrigation, landscaping and pathways. Construction was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Lake Washington Blvd Trail Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
Martin Luther King Jr Park Development					Design work on the project to improve the existing park site is underway. The project will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2005.
Rainier Beach Public Plaza Development					The design of the plaza at the NW corner of Henderson St. and Rainier Ave. is underway as a part of the adjacent school's site planning process. The project will be designed and constructed as a part of the school project. Construction of the school project will be delayed until 2006.
Rainier Playfield Improvements					Construction of trail and landscape improvements at the playfield were completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Seward Park Annex Renovation					Parks and the Audubon Society have reached an agreement on the renovation and on the Audubon's use of the Annex building and the hatchery complex. Construction is underway for the Parks project at the hatchery site and will be completed in 1st qtr. 2005.
York Substation Development					Project design is underway. Community fundraising to enhance the levy project has been completed. The project will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2005.

2000 Parks Levy: Status of Named Development Projects
4th Quarter 2004 Status
Project

Planning
Design
Construction
Complete
Status and Recent Developments

Southwest					
Alki Bathhouse Improvements					This project to renovate the facility and make it more usable for the community was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Alki Substation Development					Completed
Brandon Mini Park Development					The design to create a neighborhood park in the Delridge area is underway.
California Substation Development					The building remediation part of the project is underway. Design work for the building renovation is nearing completion, and will go out to bid in the 2nd qtr. 2005. The community has committed to raise funds for the future park improvements.
Georgetown Playfield Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
Greg Davis Park Development					Design is underway to complete development of the park.
Hiawatha Entry Improvements					The project to improve the site including lighting, irrigation, benches and landscaping was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Georgetown Park Development (Oxbow Park)					Construction of the new neighborhood park in Georgetown was completed in the 3rd qtr. 2004. The restoration of the Hat 'N Boots structures will occur as part of a future project phase.
Lincoln Annex Redevelopment					Completed
Longfellow Creek Trail Improvements					Construction of missing trail segments and installation of wayfinding and interpretive signage was completed in the 4th qtr. 2004.
Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail Improvements					Completed
Morgan Substation Park Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2007.
Myrtle Reservoir Development					This project is scheduled to begin in 2007.
Orchard Street Ravine Improvements					This project is scheduled to begin in 2005.
Puget Blvd Commons Development					Project design to improve the boulevard is underway.
Roxhill Park Wetland Development					Completed
Schmitz Park Improvements					Completed
Southwest Community Center Teen Center					Construction is underway for the teen center in conjunction with a computer lab and a new gymnasium at Southwest. The project will be completed in 1st qtr. 2005.
Southwest Community Center Computer Lab					Construction is underway for the computer lab in conjunction with the teen center and a new gymnasium at Southwest. The project will be completed in 1st qtr. 2005.
West Seattle Stadium Improvements					Project planning is underway.
Westcrest Park Improvements					Completed